DEPARTMENT OF BENEFIT PAYMENTS

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

May 9, 1975



ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 75-98

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT:

VIET NAM EVACUEES

REFERENCE:

The attached list of voluntary agencies with services available for Viet Nam Evacuees has been prepared for your use should inquiries be received.

A number of bills have been introduced in Congress to provide funding for the various programs assisting the evacuees, however none has yet passed both houses. We are continuing to encourage Congress to take immediate action in this area.

As mentioned in our earlier telegram on this subject, evacuees from Viet Nam who apply for income assistance, Medi-Cal benefits or Food Stamps are to receive the same consideration as any non-refugee applicant for aid. Counties should maintain listings of evacuees who are granted aid, should 100% Federal reimbursement be obtained as a result of Congressional action. It would be most helpful if counties would contact Bill Rotas at (916) 445-0813 and advise him on a daily basis of changes in the number of evacuees applying for and receiving aid in any of the programs in the particular county. More detailed instructions from the Department of Benefit Payments and the Department of Health will be forwarded as soon as Federal action is taken.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance during this critical period.

Sincerely,

JEROLD A. PROD Acting Director

Attachment

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Volunteer Organizations Providing Assistance to Southeast Asian Refugees

The following organizations are currently providing (or will in the near future) various types of assistance to Southeast Asian Refugees. In some cases the organization will just refer inquiries to the appropriate agency, in other cases the organization will actually provide the service on either a regular, limited or emergency—only basis. The denominational organizations provide services regardless of the refugee's religious affiliation. Many of the agencies in distant cities can make referrals to local sub—units of their organizations.

Organization

Catholic Welfare Bureau 1400 West 9th Street Los Angeles, CA 90015

Mrs. Betty Kirsnis (213) 385-7211

Lutheran Social Services of Northern California & Nevada 26745 Hartwood Avenue Hayward, California

Mr. Richard Shinn (415) 785-7580

Lutheran Social Services 2468 West Pico Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90006

Janice Rafferty (213) 385-2191

Service

Referral Services Sponsorship Coordination

Emergency only -food and clothing

Emergency only -- food and clothing

Organization

Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles
(Affiliated with the Hebrew Immigrant
Aid Society - HIAS)
590 North Vermont, Room 165
Los Angeles, CA 90004

Miss Gaila Rock (213) 663-8484

Services to Asian-American Youth 637 South Spring Street Los Angeles, California

(213) 638-0057

Southeast Asian Council on Immigration 2801 South Grant Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90015

Mr. Svay Vilay (213) 747-7623

Voluntary Action Center 621 South Virgil Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90015

Lee Flowers (213) 389-1221

Asian Health Services 1011 Harrison Street Oakland, California

(415) 763-4411

International Institute of San Francisco 2209 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, California

Mrs. Ywe-ling Fong (415) 673-1720

Service

Sponsorship Coordination

Limited education and employment services

Referral Service

Referral Services Emergency aid

Medical and optometric services Medical referrals Limited bilingual services

Counseling and Assistance in:

employment, health, immigration laws, customs, English tutoring, personal problems,

Sponsorship Coordination, Referrals

Organization

International Institute of East Bay 297 Lee Street Oakland, California

Zoe Borkowski (415) 451-2846

Bay Area Federation of YMCA 2101 Telegraph Oakland, CA 94612

Bob Stice (415) 451→6236

Traveler's Aid 38 Mason Street San Francisco, CA 94607

Kathleen Greene (415) 781-6738

Catholic Charities 433 Jefferson Oakland, CA 94607

Margaret Drouillard (415) 834→5656

Council of Churches 944 Market Street San Francisco, CA 94102

Shirley Spaltro (415) 433-3024

Ecumenical Peace Institute/AFSC 2150 Lake Street San Francisco, CA 94121

David Nesmith (415) 657-8726

Service

Counseling and assistance in:

employment, health, immigration laws, customs, personal problems,

Sponsorship coordination, Referrals

Limited: Short-Term Housing, Transportation, Feeding

Limited Communications, Transportation and Counseling Services

Emergency food, clothing, and shelter Sponsorship Coordination

Referral Services Sponsorship Coordination

Referral Services